who were provided financial assistance under the scheme is available on website of the Ministry, *viz.* www.wcd.nic.in.

Programes for SCs and STs

4266. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 961.86 crores was allocated to her Ministry for the year 2006-07 to be spent on programms with at least 20 per cent allocation benefits to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) the programmes undertaken by her Ministry for 2006-07 with details budget funds utilized, quantitative and qualitative benefits accrued to these sections, State-wise; and

(c) the programmes with at least 20 per cent allocation out of the Budget allocation of Rs. 21.96 crores to be undertaken for 2007-08 with details thereof, the amount likely to be spent and benefits to be accrued to these sections, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. It is a fact that Rs. 961.86 crores was allocated under the programme of ICDS for the year 2006-07 for the benefit of SCs & STs which is reflected in the Expenditure Budget Volume-12007-08 Statement 21. The disaggregated data for the SCs & STs beneficiaries of ICDS has been compiled during 2004-05 which shows that 2,09,28,775 beneficiaries belong the SCs & STs. State-wise beneficiaries has been given in the Statement (See below)

(c) Under ICDS scheme an amount of Rs. 2196 crore is allocated for the year 2007-08, for the benefit of SCs & STs which is reflected in the Expenditure Budget Volume-1,2007-08 Statement 21. State-wise allocations depend upon the receipt of proposals from the States during the course of the year.

Statement

State-wise SCs & STs beneficiaries under ICDS during 2004-05

SI. No.	Name of the States/UTs	No. of SCs & STs beneficiaries
1	2	3
	STATE	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,201,509
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	149,290
3.	Assam	459,300
4.	Bihar	—
5.	Chhattisgarh	923,496
6.	Goa	9,485
7.	Gujarat	632,000
8.	Haryana	461,566
9.	Himachal Pradesh	141,278
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	64,777
11.	Jharkhand	823,801
12.	Karnataka	1,018,886
13.	Kerala	175,544
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1,328,735
15.	Maharashtra	1,990,116
16.	Manipur	—
17.	Meghalaya	221,513
18.	Mizoram	152,616
19.	Nagaland	375,844
20.	Orissa	1,338,884
21.	Punjab	357,361
22.	Rajasthan	1,419,247
23.	Sikkim	—
24.	Tamil Nadu	747,763
25.	Tripura	150,305
26.	Uttar Pradesh	5,145,000
27.	Uttranchal	130,103
28.	West Bengal UNION	1,304,076
	TERRITORIES	
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	2,880

1	2	3
2.	Chandigarh	12,639
3.	Delhi	171,362
4.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	___
5.	Daman & Diu	1,727
6.	Lakshadweep	7,837
7.	Pondicherry	9,837
	TOTAL:	20,928,775

Status of women

4267. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of women in the country especially in terms of educational and social status-wise;

(b) the steps Government have taken for their development especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details thereof during the last three years; and

(d) the goals set to achieve for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The information in this regard is given in the attached Statement. *(See* below)

(b) to (d) The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing the following Schemes/Programmes for the empowerment and development of women in the country including in the State of Andhra Pradesh:—

1. Support to Training and Employment Programme (STEP);
2. Swayamsidha;
3. Micro Credit (through Rashtriya Mahila Kosh);
4. Condensed Courses of Education for Women;
5. Working Women's Hostels;

The details of the above schemes are available in the Annual Reports of the Ministry of Women and Child Development which have been laid in Parliament and also uploaded on the website of the Ministry (www.wcd.nic.in)